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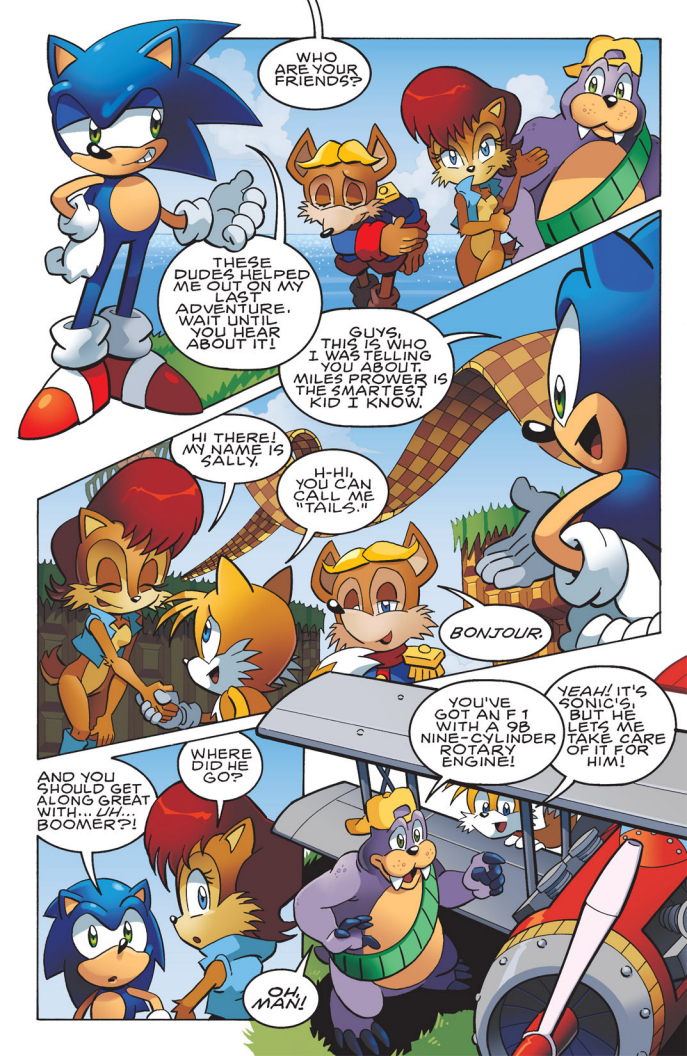
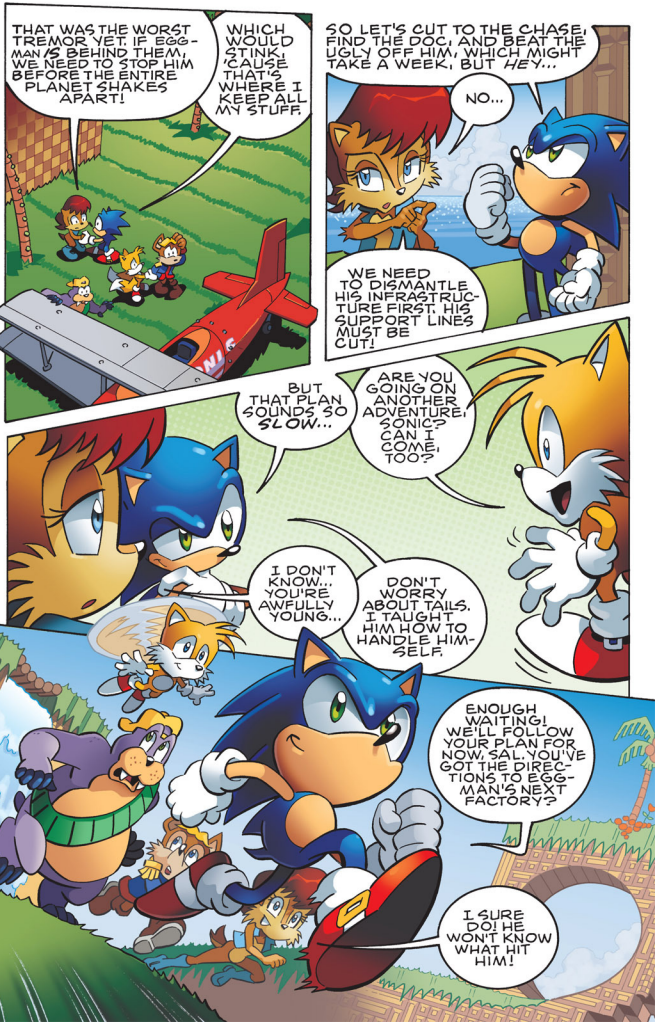
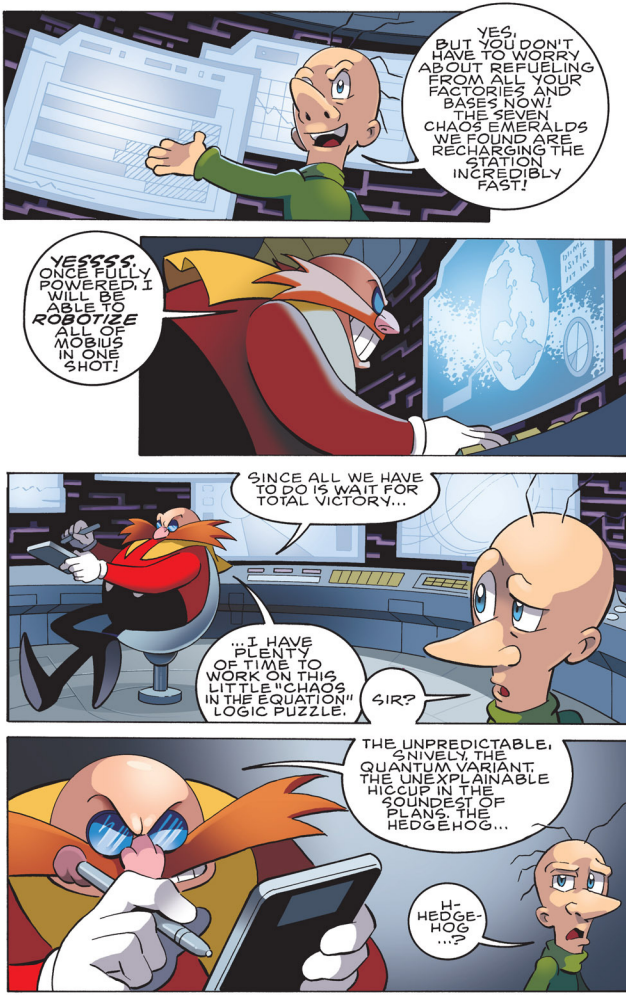

WHO ARE YOUR FRIENDS?
THESE DUDES HELPED ME OUT ON MY LAST ADVENTURE. WAIT UNTIL YOU HEAR ABOUT IT!
GUYS, THIS IS WHO I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT. MILES PROWER IS THE SMARTEST KID I KNOW.
HI THERE! MY NAME IS SALLY.
H-HI, YOU CAN CALL ME "TAILS."
BONJOUR.
YOU'VE GOT AN F1 WITH A 9B NINE-CYLINDER ROTARY ENGINE!
YEAH! IT'S SONIC'S, BUT HE LETS ME TAKE CARE OF IT FOR HIM!
WHERE DID HE GO?
AND YOU SHOULD GET ALONG GREAT WITH... UH... BOOMER?!
OH, MAN!

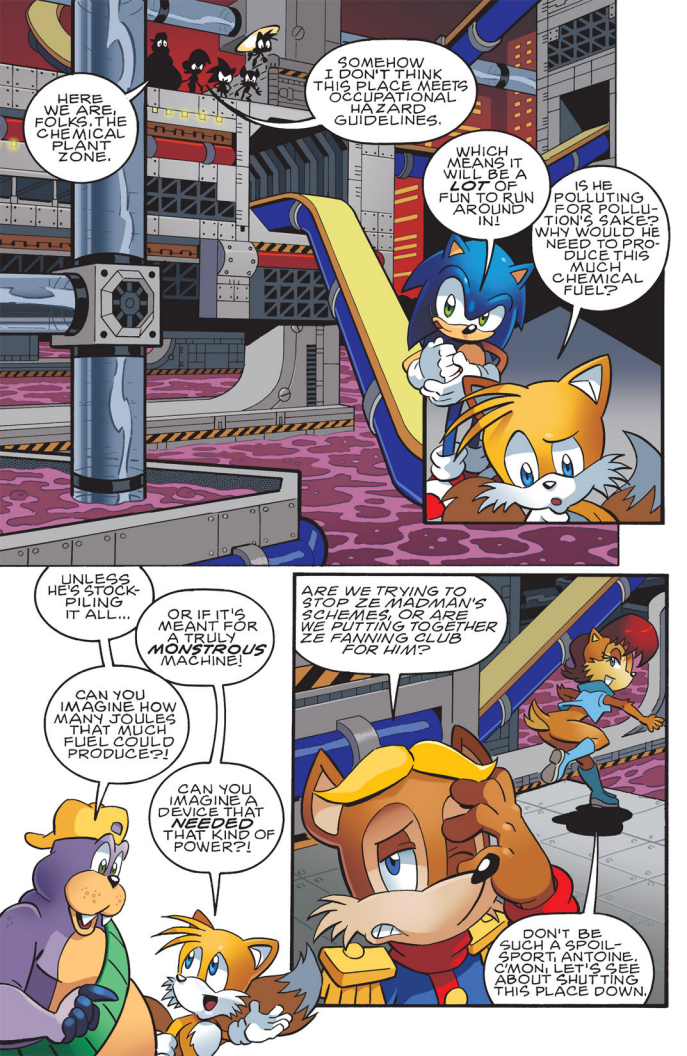
WAITAMINUTE! YOU ADDED A HIGH-BYPASS TURBOFAN ENGINE?!
WELL, SONIC DOES PREFER TO GO FAST, AND IT WASN'T TOO HARD TO CONNECT THE FUEL LINES...
AND YOU'RE HOW OLD?!
TOTALLY CALLED IT. THEY'LL BE LIKE THIS FOR HOURS.
IT'S CUTE!
BESIDES, WE COULD ALL USE SOMETHING TO BE CHEERFUL ABOUT.
I SAW YOU WORKING ON THAT COMPUTER BEFORE WE LEFT THE SCRAP BRAIN ZONE. NOTHING BUT BAD NEWS?
PRETTY MUCH.
DOCTOR EGGMAN'S PRODUCTION PLANTS ARE STILL RUNNING, AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE RIGHT-- HE DID SURVIVE.
AND THERE WERE NO LEADS ABOUT ALL THE RECENT--
RRRRRUMBLE!


THAT WAS THE WORST TREMOR YET. IF EGG-MAN'S BEHIND THEM, WE NEED TO STOP HIM BEFORE THE ENTIRE PLANET SHAKES APART!
WHICH WOULD STINK, 'CAUSE THAT'S WHERE I KEEP ALL MY STUFF.
SO LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE, FIND THE DOC, AND BEAT THE UGLY OFF HIM, WHICH MIGHT TAKE A WEEK, BUT HEY...
NO...
WE NEED TO DISMANTLE HIS INFRASTRUCTURE FIRST. HIS SUPPORT LINES MUST BE CUT!
BUT THAT PLAN SOUNDS SO SLOW...
ARE YOU GOING ON ANOTHER ADVENTURE, SONIC? CAN I COME, TOO?
I DON'T KNOW... YOU'RE AWFULLY YOUNG...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT TAILS. I TAUGHT HIM HOW TO HANDLE HIMSELF.
ENOUGH WAITING! WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR PLAN FOR NOW, SAL. YOU'VE GOT THE DIRECTIONS TO EGG-MAN'S NEXT FACTORY?
I SURE DO! HE WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!

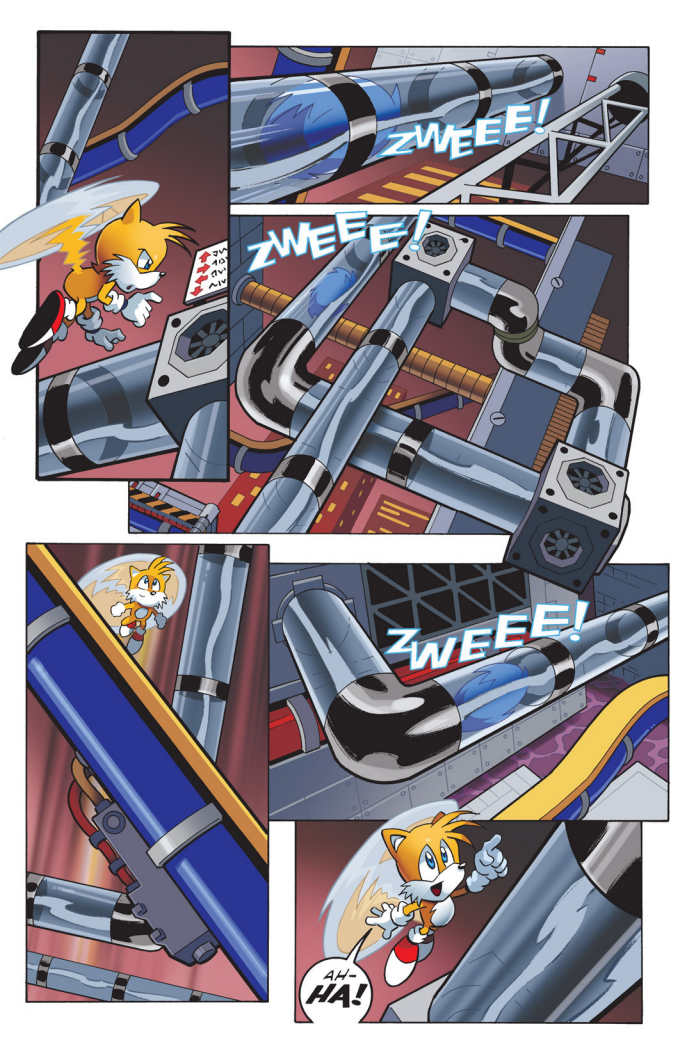
MEANWHILE...
WAHA-HA-HA! WITH PHASE ONE WELL BEHIND US, THIS GLORIOUS FLYING FORTRESS CAN MOVE ON TO PHASE TWO OF MY BRILLIANT PLAN!
ABOUT THAT, SIR. WHAT WAS PHASE ONE?
IT WAS BRILLIANT! WE DID THAT... THING...TO THE PLANET!
YOU KNOW...THAT THING...IT PRIMED MOBIUS FOR... PHASE TWO.
BAH! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU REMEMBER IT OR NOT!
WHATEVER IT WAS, IT SEVERELY DRAINED THE POWER RESERVES!


YES, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT REFUELING FROM ALL YOUR FACTORIES AND BASES NOW! THE SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS WE FOUND ARE RECHARGING THE STATION INCREDIBLY FAST!
YESSSS. ONCE FULLY POWERED, I WILL BE ABLE TO ROBOTIZE ALL OF MOBIUS IN ONE SHOT!
SINCE ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT FOR TOTAL VICTORY...
...I HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO WORK ON THIS LITTLE "CHAOS IN THE EQUATION" LOGIC PUZZLE.
SIR?
THE UNPREDICTABLE, SNIVELY, THE QUANTUM VARIANT, THE UNEXPLAINABLE HICCUP IN THE SOUNDEST OF PLANS. THE HEDGEHOG...
H-HEDGE-HOG ...?

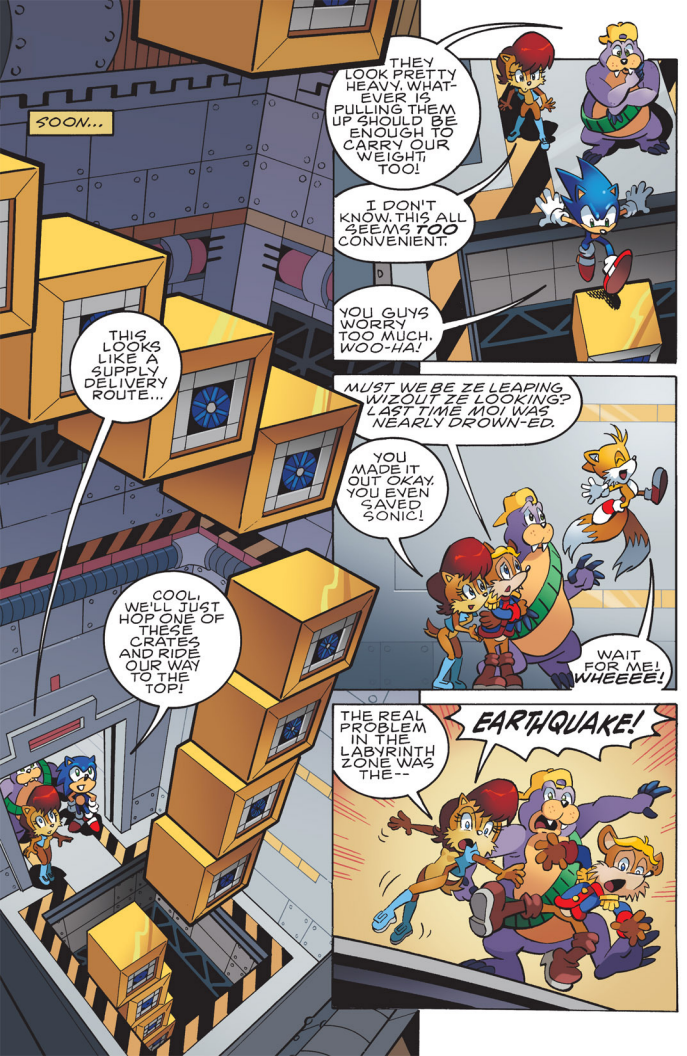
ERM... SHOULDN'T WE BE PAYING SOME ATTENTION TO THE DIMENSIONAL DISTURBANCES? THEY'VE CAUSED HEAVY SEISMIC ACTIVITY RECENTLY...
...BUT PRELIMINARY READINGS SUGGEST A TOTAL SPACE-TIME COLLAPSE. IT'S LIKE REALITY HAS BEEN STRETCHED AND IS FIGHTING TO SNAP BACK.
HMM?
WHATEVER. I'LL HAVE WON BEFORE THEN.
LET ME WORK.
WHAT ABOUT THE REBEL MOBIANS WHO ATTACKED US? THEY'RE SURE TO TRY TO CAUSE MORE PROBLEMS!
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM, SNIVELY.
I MADE SURE MY FACILITIES ARE READY...
...FOR UNINVITED GUESTS.


HERE WE ARE, FOLKS. THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE.
SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK THIS PLACE MEETS OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD GUIDELINES.
WHICH MEANS IT WILL BE A LOT OF FUN TO RUN AROUND IN!
IS HE POLLUTING FOR POLLUTION'S SAKE? WHY WOULD HE NEED TO PRODUCE THIS MUCH CHEMICAL FUEL?
UNLESS HE'S STOCKPILING IT ALL...
OR IF IT'S MEANT FOR A TRULY MONSTROUS MACHINE!
CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW MANY JOULES THAT MUCH FUEL COULD PRODUCE?!
CAN YOU IMAGINE A DEVICE THAT NEEDED THAT KIND OF POWER?!
ARE WE TRYING TO STOP ZE MADMAN'S SCHEMES, OR ARE WE PUTTING TOGETHER ZE FANNING CLUB FOR HIM?
DON'T BE SUCH A SPOILSPORT, ANTOINE. C'MON, LET'S SEE ABOUT SHUTTING THIS PLACE DOWN.

I WAS KNOWING IT! WE ARE TRAPPED IN HERE FOREVER!
GIVE IT A REST, 'TWAN. WE CAN FIND OUR WAY OUT EASILY.
THE REAL PROBLEM IS FINDING THE WAY WE WANT TO GO.
WOW. THIS PLACE IS DECEPTIVELY HUGE!
ALL THESE PIPES HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE, RIGHT? I'LL JUST SPEED THROUGH THEM AND FIND WHERE WE NEED TO GO!
I'M SURE I CAN FIGURE OUT WHICH PIPE WE NEED TO FOLLOW, AND...
YEAH-YEAH-YEAH! RACE YA!
HA HA! YOU'RE CRAZY!

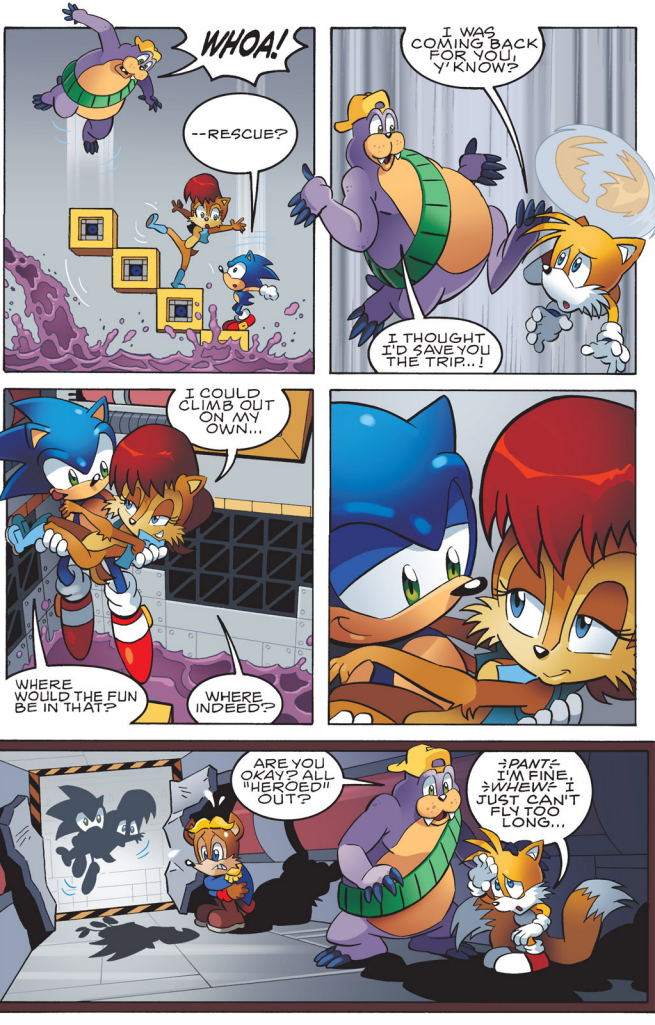

ZWEEE!
ZWEEE!
ZWEEE!
AW-
HA!

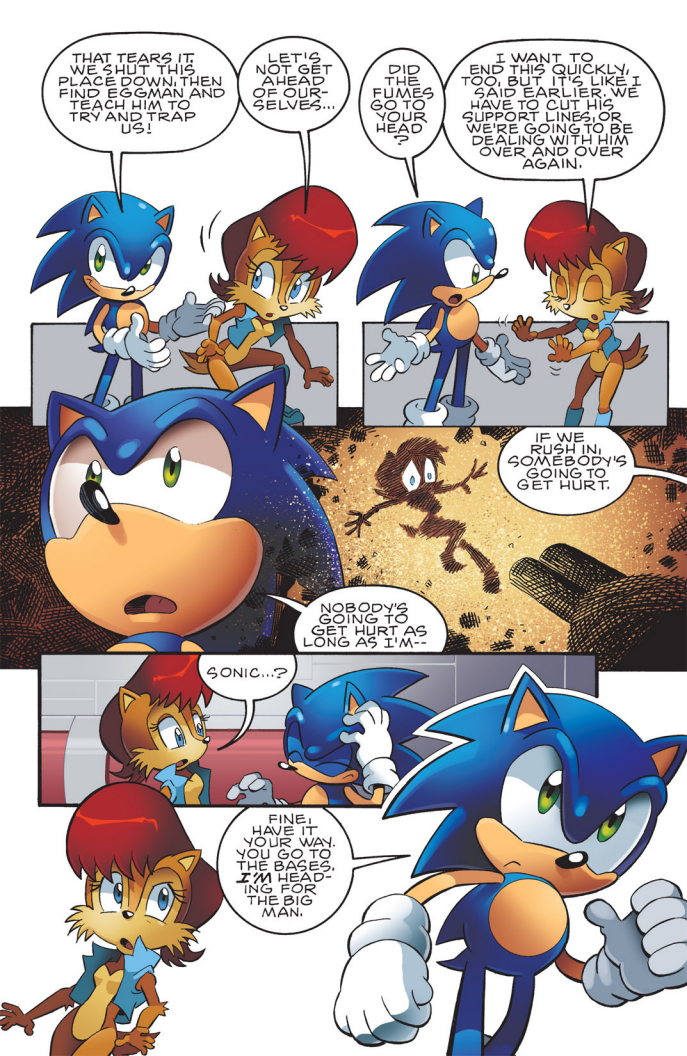
CHEATER! YOU FOLLOWED ME UP HERE!
HA HA! NO, I DIDN'T!
WE NEED TO GO THIS WAY!
Y'KNOW...
...YOU COULD'VE WAITED ANOTHER MINUTE, GONE AROUND THE BEND WITH US AND FOUND THIS ELEVATOR.
YEAH ...BUT WHERE WOULD THE FUN BE IN THAT?


SOON...
THEY LOOK PRETTY HEAVY. WHATEVER IS PULLING THEM UP SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO CARRY OUR WEIGHT, TOO!
I DON'T KNOW. THIS ALL SEEMS TOO CONVENIENT.
YOU GUYS WORRY TOO MUCH. WOO-HA!
THIS LOOKS LIKE A SUPPLY DELIVERY ROUTE...
COOL. WE'LL JUST HOP ONE OF THESE CRATES AND RIDE OUR WAY TO THE TOP!
MUST WE BE ZE LEAPING WIZOUT ZE LOOKING? LAST TIME MOI WAS NEARLY DROWN-ED.
YOU MADE IT OUT OKAY. YOU EVEN SAVED SONIC!
WAIT FOR ME! WHEEEE!
THE REAL PROBLEM IN THE LABYRINTH ZONE WAS THE--
EARTHQUAKE!

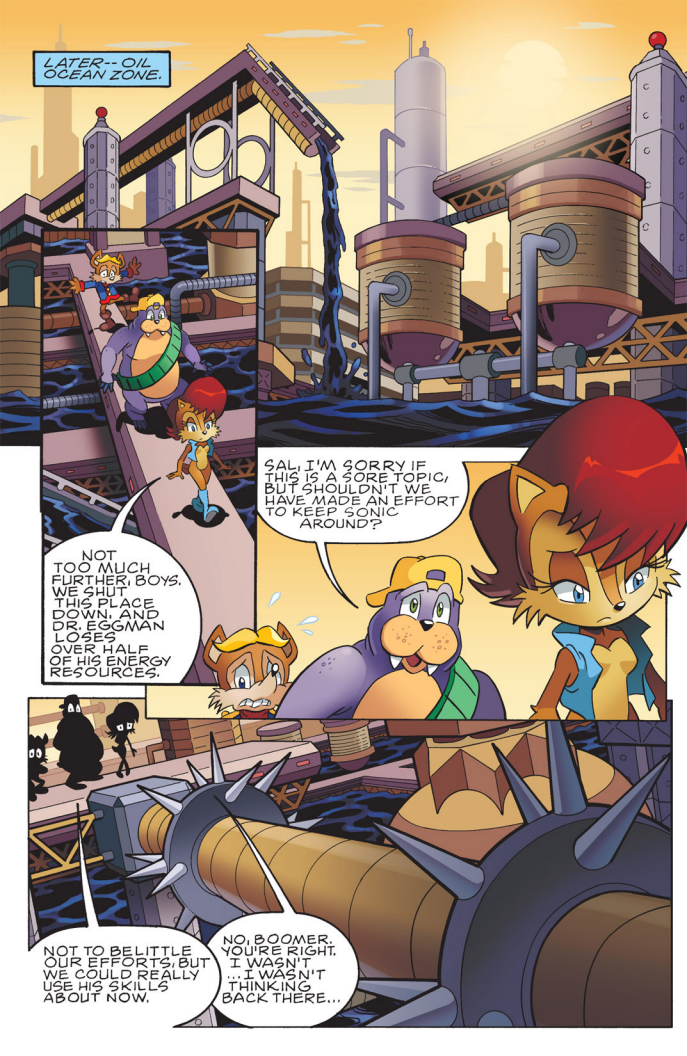
CLANG!
THIS PLACE IS FILLING WITH MEGA MUCK!
I KNEW IT WOULD BE A TRAP!
SHOOMP!
GLOOP!
MEGA-WHAT?
MEGA MUCK! A VISCOUS POLYMER WITH TOXIC PROPERTIES!
...MEANING?
WE'RE GOING TO DROWN IN POISON SOUP!
AH.

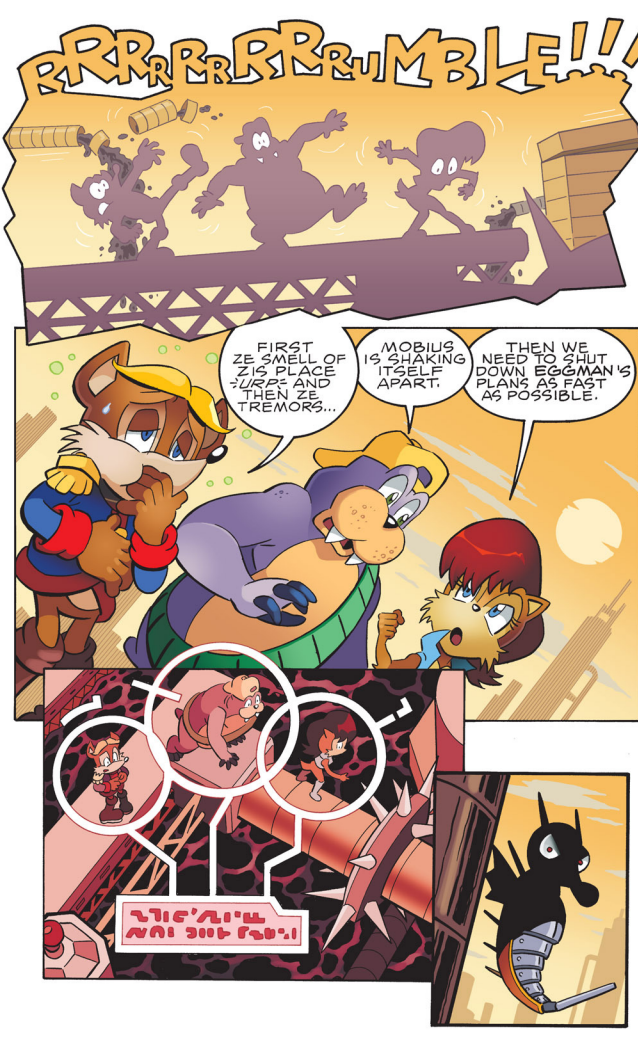
START FLYING THEM UP. I'LL MAKE US A WAY OUT.
O-OKAY!
ANTOINE, GO! WE'LL START CLIMBING!
SALLY! COME ON!
WHAM
DOOR'S OPEN AT THE TOP!
RRRGH-- THANKS!
GO ON AHEAD! I'LL SWIM TO THE TOP!
I'M NOT LEAVING YOU BEHIND!
SOME-BODY CALL FOR A--

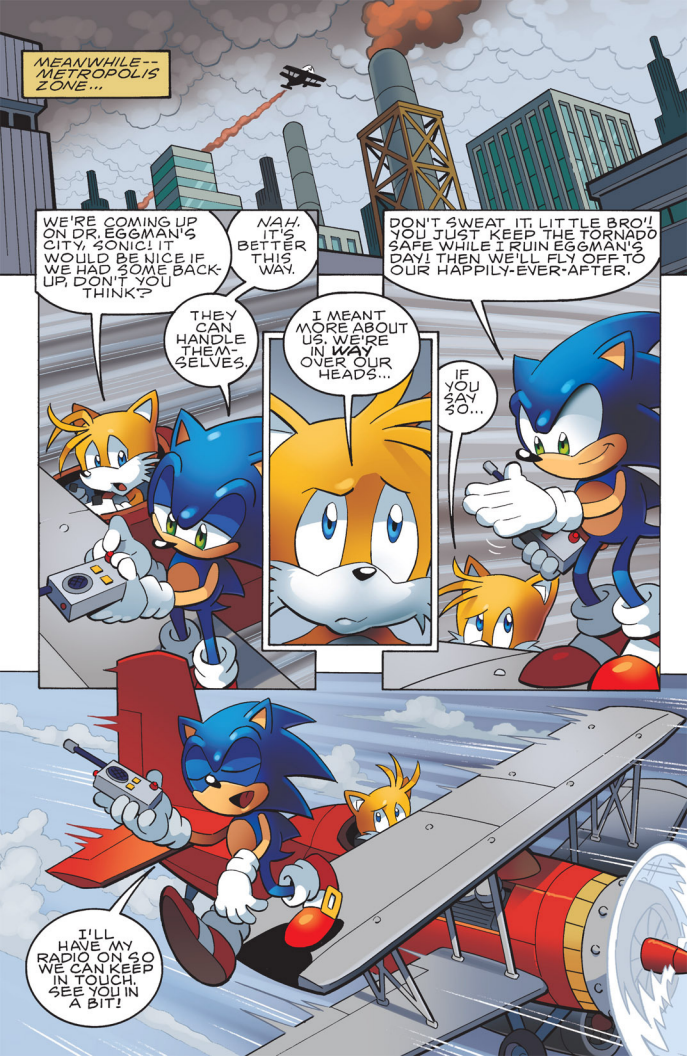

WHOA!
--RESCUE?
I WAS COMING BACK FOR YOU, Y'KNOW?
I THOUGHT I'D SAVE YOU THE TRIP...!
I COULD CLIMB OUT ON MY OWN...
WHERE WOULD THE FUN BE IN THAT?
WHERE, INDEED?
ARE YOU OKAY? ALL "HEROED" OUT?
=PANT= I'M FINE. =WHEW= I JUST CAN'T FLY TOO LONG...


THAT TEARS IT. WE SHUT THIS PLACE DOWN, THEN FIND EGGMAN AND TEACH HIM TO TRY AND TRAP US!
LET'S NOT GET AHEAD OF OUR-SELVES...
DID THE FUMES GO TO YOUR HEAD?
I WANT TO END THIS QUICKLY, TOO, BUT IT'S LIKE I SAID EARLIER. WE HAVE TO CUT HIS SUPPORT LINES, OR WE'RE GOING TO BE DEALING WITH HIM OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
IF WE RUSH IN, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO GET HURT.
NOBODY'S GOING TO GET HURT AS LONG AS I'M--
SONIC...?
FINE, HAVE IT YOUR WAY. YOU GO TO THE BASES, I'M HEADING FOR THE BIG MAN.

SO THAT'S IT? YOU'RE JUST WALKING OUT ON US?!
I DON'T WALK. I RUN. IT'S BEEN FUN, GUYS. LATER.
UM ...I'M GOING WITH SONIC. IT WAS NICE MEETING YOU, THOUGH!
LIKE-WISE.
ANTOINE AND I WILL STICK WITH YOU, SALLY. YOU HAVEN'T LED US ASTRAY.
I AM CONFUS-ED. WERE WE JUST DUMPED?
LET'S SHUT THIS PLACE DOWN, GUYS.
SMOOTH, 'TWAN.
WHAT? THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE CALLING IT WHEN SOMEONE WALKS OUT ON YOU, NON?


LATER-- OIL OCEAN ZONE.
NOT TOO MUCH FURTHER, BOYS. WE SHUT THIS PLACE DOWN, AND DR. EGGMAN LOSES OVER HALF OF HIS ENERGY RESOURCES.
SAL, I'M SORRY IF THIS IS A SORE TOPIC, BUT SHOULDN'T WE HAVE MADE AN EFFORT TO KEEP SONIC AROUND?
NOT TO BELITTLE OUR EFFORTS, BUT WE COULD REALLY USE HIS SKILLS ABOUT NOW.
NO, BOOMER. YOU'RE RIGHT. I... WASN'T ... I WASN'T THINKING BACK THERE...


RRRRRRRRRRUMBLE!!!
FIRST ZE SMELL OF ZIS PLACE -URP- AND THEN ZE TREMORS...
MOBIUS IS SHAKING ITSELF APART.
THEN WE NEED TO SHUT DOWN EGGMAN'S PLANS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.


MEANWHILE-- METROPOLIS ZONE...
WE'RE COMING UP ON DR. EGGMAN'S CITY, SONIC! IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE HAD SOME BACK-UP, DON'T YOU THINK?
NAH. IT'S BETTER THIS WAY.
THEY CAN HANDLE THEM-SELVES.
I MEANT MORE ABOUT US. WE'RE IN WAY OVER OUR HEADS...
DON'T SWEAT IT, LITTLE BRO'! YOU JUST KEEP THE TORNADO SAFE WHILE I RUIN EGGMAN'S DAY! THEN WE'LL FLY OFF TO OUR HAPPILY-EVER-AFTER.
IF YOU SAY SO...
I'LL HAVE MY RADIO ON SO WE CAN KEEP IN TOUCH. SEE YOU IN A BIT!

NOW--TO HANDLE THE DOC WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IS AT A SAFE DISTANCE.
READY OR NOT, EGGMAN! HERE I COME!
YOU CAN'T STOP NOW, SONIC--YOU'RE IN EGGMAN COUNTRY!
IT'S THE SHOWDOWN YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, AND THE STAKES ARE HIGH! THE FATE OF THE WORLD--OF REALITY ITSELF --HANGS IN THE BALANCE!
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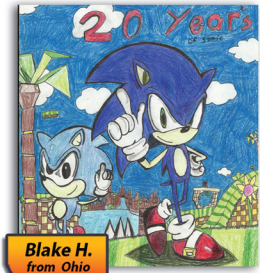

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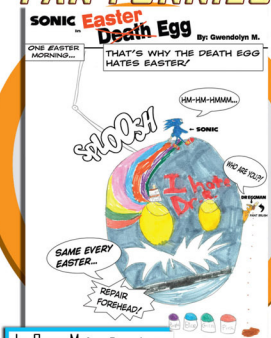

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Dear Sonic-Grams,
Hi! From a long-time fan of True Blue! How long? Ever since the SatAM cartoon first aired.

Hoppin' Hawkhawks, that's a long time!

Now then, I'll have the usual.
1) Will the 2010 Sonic the Hedgehog Collector's Set be available soon?

Absolutely; if you're interested in a 2010 Collector's Set you can call us or e-mail Archie's Subscription Department. Submit your request to: orderhelp@archiecomics.com Supplies are limited!

2) I was thrilled to see Sally get back together with Sonic prior to Genesis. Has Amy ever shown even a slight interest in anyone else?

No way! Sonic is the apple of her magically-aged eye!

3) If someone from another Zone (Blaze or even Silver) were to stumble into the Prime Zone now that Genesis has occurred, would they be affected or still be normal? If still normal, I wonder if that would be the key to restoring the Prime Zone.

One way to find out!

I know y'all get tons of mail but I hope anyway to see my letter in the comic or blogs. I'd love to see Espio answer some fan letters. Or Shadow. Or Espio AND Shadow! lol
Ok, I'm really done now. Y'all stay way past cool!

Joy Mississippi

Espio and Shadow, eh? Cool idea, Joy! Ian? Thoughts?

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I have been following Sonic the Hedgehog comics since I was a kid and have loved to see how the comic has managed to stay true to the Sonic formula while varying greatly in style and story. I used to love getting my monthly allowance from my dad and heading straight to the store to check out the new Spaz cover and geek out about the story developments. I've just recently gotten married and am starting to collect yet again because I want any future kiddos of mine to experience the same joy from Sonic the Hedgehog that I have for these many years. Thanks to all the staff and hard work that has made Sonic special!

Sincerely, Andrew B.

PS - Mega Man looks AWESOME! Very excited to see another action-based comic brought into the Archie stables!

Thanks for reading, Andrew! And congrats!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
It's Jacob again.

I'm glad it's not the man in black! ha-cha!

This is like my 12th time writing in, so PLEASE PUT THIS LETTER IN (pretty please with chili on top?)!!

OK!

Firstly, i recall that you guys were taking places for Sonic's fan base, right? Well, I'd like to place my number up there. I would be his #1 fan, but that's you guys already. And I refuse to take a backseat to any other readers (sorry guys), so I will be his #1.5 fan. Or #1.4 if there is already a 1.5.

Jacob, from this moment on, you shall forever be known as Sonic's #1.5 fan. You may rise, Sir Jacob of Decimal.

Next, I would like to say that I have enjoyed ***Genesis*** thus far. I am a bit perplexed at the turn of events in ***Genesis***, but I trust you guys, so I'm sure that we'll be back on the main storyline in no time.

Your #1.5 fan, Jacob W. Washington

Back to normal soon? Well, Sir Jacob of Decimal, I can neither confirm nor deny that! Unless of course you've already looked at the Sonic #230 solicitation... in which case yes. Yes it will.

See ya next month for the grand finale!

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